

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 7, 2021

WELCOME \_\_\_\_\_

Prelude: "Allabreve in D"

J.S. Bach

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvations.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

GATHERING \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let all together praise our God, before the highest throne;  
today God opens heav'n again and sends the only Son, and sends the only Son.

O tender Child, you veil in flesh the splendor of your might;  
a servant's garb now wraps the one who clothed the sky with light,  
who clothed the sky with light.

Unlock the door again today that leads to paradise;  
the angel bars the way no more. To God let praises rise, to God let praises rise!

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-lasting God, your only-begotten son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### WORD \_\_\_\_\_

### First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-<sup>l</sup>lasting doors,  
that the King of glory<sup>l</sup> may come in.

Who is this<sup>l</sup> King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might-<sup>l</sup>y in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-<sup>l</sup>lasting doors,  
that the King of glory<sup>l</sup> may come in.

Who is this<sup>l</sup> King of glory?

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the<sup>l</sup> King of glory.

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

✠ SAINT LUKE 2:22-40 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### In His Temple Now Behold Him

In his temple now behold him, see the long expected Lord;  
ancient prophets had foretold him, God has sent the promised Word.  
Now to praise him, his redeemed shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore him, virgin pure, behold him lie,  
while his aged saints adore him, ere in perfect faith they die.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

Jesus, by your presentation, when they blessed you, weak and poor,  
make us see your great salvation, seal us with your promise sure;  
and present us, in your glory, to your Father, cleansed and pure.

Prince and author of salvation, be your boundless love our theme!  
Jesus, praise to you be given by the world you did redeem,  
with the Father and the Spirit God of majesty supreme!

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition:* Lord, listen to your children pray.  
**Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Reflections on God's Grace

"In Joy and Peace"

Johannes Brahms

In peace and joy I now depart as God is willing,  
and faith fills all my mind and heart, calming, stilling.  
God the Lord has promised me that death is but a slumber.

Christ Jesus makes the way for me, my gracious Savior;  
with eyes of faith and trust I see God's great favor.  
when this life comes to an end, my hope is God's embracing.

The Lord is health and saving light for ev'ry nation,  
dispelling shadows of the night with salvation:  
Israel's praise and hope's delight, my treasure, joy, and glory.

## THANKSGIVING \_\_\_\_\_

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, Holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

# SENDING

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Prayer for Peace

Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Allegro" from Pastorella in F

J.S. Bach



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PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION  
*Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship*

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants:

<i>Eve Scheffler</i>	<i>Maryann Palermo</i>	<i>Peter Burkhart</i>	<i>Steve Mead</i>	<i>Abigail Zhang</i>
<i>Patricia Grunde</i>	<i>Janet Hagberg</i>	<i>Christian Long</i>	<i>David Horne</i>	<i>Dale Peters</i>
<i>Shauna Stiglich</i>	<i>Jan Nyberg</i>	<i>Amyyah Robinson</i>	<i>Rosie Diaz</i>	<i>Charlene Grosse</i>
<i>MaryJo McCawley</i>	<i>Jeanette Geweke</i>	<i>Lois Harvai</i>	<i>Dan Horton</i>	<i>Erika Stampfl</i>
<i>Laurie Strohmayer</i>	<i>Mona Moharrer</i>	<i>Martha Kastigar</i>	<i>Grace Tampa</i>	<i>Rosemarie Morgen</i>
<i>Albester Hall Jones</i>	<i>Ray Wentworth</i>	<i>William A. Jones</i>	<i>Matthew Hage</i>	<i>Karen Sarasin</i>
<i>Linda Planekowsky</i>	<i>Mark Van Scharrel</i>	<i>Michael Holman</i>	<i>Kenneth Markworth</i>	<i>John Holland</i>

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CHURCH UNITY

Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

*Nicholas Bakulinski*    *Jeremy Strohmayer*    *Dan McCarthy*    *Lucas Kratz*    *Preston Larson*  
Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Almighty God, Creator of all humanity, turn the hearts of all peoples and their rulers that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# NEWS AND INFORMATION

February 7, 2021



Welcome to Saint Luke

## Introduction to the Day

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

## Today

The joy of Christmas continues! Environmental features remain from that festive season to remind us that we continue in our joy at the birth of God's Son. The "Light to the Nations" now continues his epiphany through his earthly ministry which we follow in the Gospel readings for this season.

## Good News - In-Person Worship

**Saint Luke Church will be back in Church next Sunday, February 14, 2021!**

Saint Luke will go back to in-person worship next Sunday, **February 14, 2021**. Services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We will continue to follow Covid-19 precautions. A mask must be worn at all times in the church and temperatures will be taken when you enter the church. The entrance is via the doors in the courtyard (when you come out of the parking garage, turn left). If you are not feeling well, please stay home, for your sake as well as those around you.

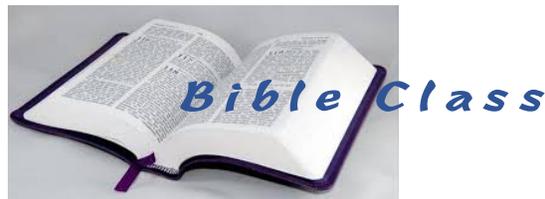
*With the return to in-person worship Coffee Hour will move to Sunday evenings. The new link for Evening Tea is <https://bit.ly/3oZunR>, Meeting ID: 989 3923 5456, Passcode: saintluke, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. next Sunday, February 14, 2021.*



## Coffee Hour!

You are invited to Coffee Hour after Church this morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. Join the conversation and check up on people from church you haven't seen in a while!

Here is the link for Coffee Hour: <https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>  
Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke



Bible Class **will** meet this Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Get you lunch and join Pastor Bouman to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

The lessons are: *2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Saint Mark 9:2-9*

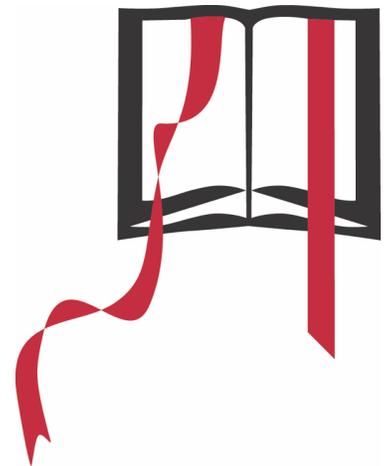
The link for "**Bible Class**" can be found on the website at [stlukechicago.org](http://stlukechicago.org). Click on "Bible Class" or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/3oi0vVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke

PACK UP – Bible Class is moving!

Bible Class will move from Thursday noon time to Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2021:

Holy Trinity + LakeView + Saint Luke + Resurrection  
**Lakeview Lutheran Parish**  
**Bible Study**  
**in the Season of Lent**  
February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24  
**Wednesdays 10 a.m. -11 a.m.**



Join us as we study and discuss the upcoming readings for the Sundays of Lent. We will explore how these ancient texts relate to our contemporary contexts. Each session will be led by one of the pastors of our four congregations.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/987432464?pwd=TGNxMDRBeVloWUo4eXVIczg0dnNKUT09>



**Caring and Sharing  
FOR THE PANTRY**

During February we are asking for donations of **special treats**: foodstuffs that are not necessary for survival but add something special to meals – condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), spices, jellies, syrup or honey, crackers and cookies - nice to have but not affordable on a limited income. Please leave your donations in the collection barrel in the church lobby. Items will be distributed through the Lakeview Pantry.



## Caring and Sharing FOR THE HOME

Some of the residents of Saint Luke Renaissance--Greenview Place are in need of **new bed pillows, towels and twin-size sheets, blankets, waste baskets and shower curtains**. Items should be in their original packaging. If you are able to supply any of these items, please bring them to the Church Office.

*Many thanks to a member who, through Amazon, had supplies delivered for Greenview Place.*

### Need a new New Year's Resolution?

Have you already forgotten your resolution for 2021?

Let us help you get back on track.

*Begin 2021 with a New Year's Resolution to help Saint Luke*

Resolve to help raise money to replace a leaking Steam Pipe.

Cost for this repair: \$20,000 *Ouch!*

*Change this:*

**To this:**



With your donation we can  
lower ↓ the temperature ↑ by raising the funds!

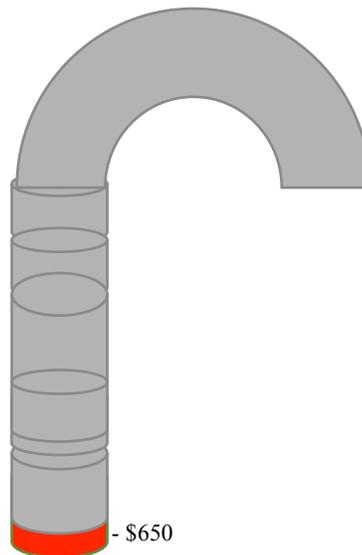
The goal is to raise this money by the end of the heating season!

**Spring arrives March 20, 2021**

Make this your **new** New Year's resolution to help raise this money!

Let's get this done!

**We're Off and Running!!!** Money raised for the Steam Pipe repair



Please call (773.472.3383) the Church Office to make a donation or mail your gift to  
Saint Luke, 1500 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60657

# THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

## **The Presentation of Our Lord - SUNDAY, February 7, 2021**

Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3r92TAV>

Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085

Passcode: stluke

*Online*

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/39xYjVS>

Meeting ID: 948 1158 6701, Passcode: saintluke

*Online*

## **MONDAY- FRIDAY, February 8 - 12, 2021**

Morning Care 7:30-8:00 a.m.

School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021**

Administrative Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Ministry Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

*Online*

*Memorial Hall*

## **THURSDAY, February 11, 2021**

Bible Class 12:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3oioVVR>

Meeting ID: 784 7788 0585, Passcode: saintluke

*Online*

## **The Transfiguration of Our Lord - SUNDAY, February 14, 2021**

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

*Church*

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

<https://bit.ly/3r92TAV>

Meeting ID: 960 5161 1085

Passcode: stluke

*Church*

Evening Tea 6:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/3oOZunR>

Meeting ID: 989 3923 5456, Passcode: saintluke

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